





Today's  
Advertisements.

**ANDREW'S HALL.**  
CITY HALL BUILDING.  
TO-NIGHT  
(SATURDAY), the 30th December.  
Commencing at 9 P.M.

**XYLOPHONE & KINEMATOGRAPH ENTERTAINMENT.**  
Mme. MERANDA and Little LILLY,  
in their Clever Xylophone and Zither and  
Comic Violin Entertainments.

ADMISSION ..... \$2 & \$1  
Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform half-price to  
Second Seats.  
Hongkong, 30th December, 1899. [1599a]

**THE WANCHAI WAREHOUSE AND  
STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the NINTH  
ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the  
Office of the General Managers, No. 4,  
Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 15th  
January, 1900, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon,  
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the  
General Managers together with a Statement  
of Accounts to the 31st December, 1899.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from 7th to 15th January,  
1900, both days inclusive.

**MEYER & CO.,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 30th December, 1899. [1623a]

NOTICE is hereby given that a certain  
SHARE CERTIFICATE numbered  
2337 for 100 Shares in HONGKONG AND  
KOWLOON WHARF and Godown Company,  
Limited, has been fraudulently and  
unlawfully transferred to the name of  
MRS. J. T. ALMADA & Co., and the said  
Company therefore are hereby  
warning all persons to whom the said  
Share Certificate is presented, or otherwise dealing  
with the said Share Certificate.

**EDWARD OSBORNE,**  
Secretary.  
THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON  
WHARF & GODOWN  
CO., LIMITED.  
Hongkong, 30th December, 1899. [1623a]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.  
FOR NAGASAKI, KORE AND  
YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship  
"MERIONETHSHIRE,"  
Captain Davies, will be despatched for the  
above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd January,  
1900.

For Freight, apply to  
**SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 30th December, 1899. [1623a]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.  
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND  
STRAITS.

THE Steamship  
"MERIONETHSHIRE,"  
Captain Davies, having arrived from the  
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
notified that their goods are being landed at  
their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong  
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,  
Limited, at Kowloon and stored at Consignees'  
risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining  
undischarged after the 6th January, 1900, will be  
subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 5th January, 1900, at 2.30 P.M.  
No time is to be lost in effecting repairs.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
**SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,**  
Agents.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1899. [1623a]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship  
"CATHERINE APCAR,"  
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods  
will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed  
at once.

Cargo remaining on board after the 3rd  
January, at 2 P.M., will be landed at Con-  
signees' risk and expense into the Godowns of  
the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Co., Limited, at Wanchai.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and  
PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE  
DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside;  
such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel  
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and  
expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
**DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,**  
Agents.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1899. [1623a]

## Intimations.

## AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS OF THE ITALIAN  
CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most  
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of  
Hongkong and the Post Ports, for their kind  
patronage and support, and desires to state that  
she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds  
of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs  
and Collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Children's  
Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery.  
Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superioress will also be most grateful  
for any PATCHES or old ENVELOPES to be made  
into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools,  
who are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1892. [1493]

## NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the "HONGKONG  
TELEGRAPH" have this Day been  
removed to No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD  
CENTRAL, Second Floor, (the premises  
formerly occupied by Messrs. POWELL & Co.)  
to which address all communications should  
be addressed.

**ERIC L. SKERTCHLY,**  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 1st May, 1899.

## Intimation.



**A. S. WATSON & Co.,  
LIMITED.**

## GOODS

FOR THE  
**NEW YEAR SEASON.**

A VARIED COLLECTION OF  
ARTICLES SUITABLE  
FOR PRESENTS.

**CUT GLASS BOTTLES.**

MEERSCHAUM PIPES, CIGAR AND  
CIGARETTE HOLDERS,  
POUCHES, &  
SMOKERS' SUPPLIES OF ALL  
KINDS.

PERFUMES IN ELEGANT CASES.

THE PUREST AND BEST  
**CONFECTIONERY.**

**WINES AND SPIRITS.**  
SCOTCH WHISKIES, IRISH WHISKIES,  
AMERICAN WHISKIES, BRANDIES,  
PORTS, SHERRIES, CLARETS,  
LIQUEURS, CHAMPAGNES,  
&c., &c.

OF THE FINEST QUALITY.

**NEW YEAR CARDS**  
OF  
TASTEFUL & PLEASING DESIGNS.

**A. S. WATSON & Co.,  
LIMITED.**

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

**The Hongkong Telegraph**

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1899.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**

THE SANITARY BOARD.

His Excellency the Governor "has been  
pleased to appoint" Mr. McKIE and Dr.  
HARTIGAN to be members of the Sanitary  
Board. They must feel exceedingly obliged  
to him for the compliment paid them, but it  
is only a compliment. He has no power  
whatever to appoint them, or to dis-  
appoint them by refusing to let them take their  
seats on the Board. They hold their seats  
by virtue of their election by the ratepayers,  
and not by virtue of any appointment or  
recognition of the Crown or the Governor.  
They are in a totally different position from  
members of the Legislative Council, whose  
election is merely a nomination and gives  
them no title to sit in Council unless the  
Crown accepts the nomination and appoints.

It seems very curious that there should  
not be sufficient care taken in the Colonial  
Secretary's office, or sufficient knowledge, to  
prevent the Governor and the Government  
being made to look foolish by such blunder-  
ing notifications in the *Hongkong Govern-  
ment Gazette*, as too frequently appear there.

THE ARMS ORDINANCE.

It is satisfactory to find that the Arms  
Ordinance is to be considered with a view to  
its amendment. It is, in many places, care-  
lessly drawn, without adequate knowledge  
of the details of the trade it purports to deal  
with, and without any consideration for the  
interests of the Colony and of its residents.  
It is a policeman's Ordinance framed to  
diminish their labours and responsibilities  
and without a thought for the general com-  
mercial interests of the Colony or of the  
losses it may inflict on a section of traders.  
So long as the Police can sleep more soundly  
at night it does not matter in the least  
what becomes of the trade of the Colony.

THE PIERS ORDINANCE.

The Piers Ordinance was read a second  
time, passed through Committee read a  
third time and became law at the last meet-  
ing of Council, in almost less time than it  
takes to write these lines, in spite of Mr.  
BELLIOS' protest and although it contained  
a most mischievous clause, depriving Pier  
Owners of any legal right to compensation  
in the event of Government requiring them  
to remove their Piers, and leaving wholly at  
the mercy of the Governor for the time be-  
ing to award them such compensation as they  
may be morally entitled to, in his  
opinion and on such evidence as he may  
think fit to receive. His Excellency was  
good enough to permit to be read to the  
Council his despatch on the subject  
and the Secretary of State's reply, but  
neither the Governor's letter nor Mr.  
CHAMBERLAIN'S answer deal with the par-  
ticular point, the mode in which compensa-  
tion is to be assessed. The Governor is not  
a proper person to assess compensation. It  
is a disgraceful and invidious task to impose  
on him. He has not the necessary knowl-  
edge nor the necessary machinery. It is  
the function of the properly constituted  
courts and judges to inquire into and assess  
damages and award compensation and as it  
is the fashion to amend ordinances as  
speedily as possible after they are passed, we  
hope the Government will introduce an  
amending ordinance as early as possible  
and relegate the assessment of damages to  
the proper quarter.

THE SUMMONING OF CHINESE.

As to the Ordinance authorizing the sum-  
moning of Chinese before the Registrar

General and requiring them to produce  
papers and documents and to answer him  
on oath on all matters, the questions involved  
are of so serious a character and the Ordinance  
so grossly unconstitutional that we must  
reserve what we have to say on the  
subject until there is more space and time at  
our disposal. We can only assure the  
Government that no effort will be spared to  
open the eyes of the Secretary of State  
and of the English public to the very  
dangerous nature of the Ordinance and to  
the mischief which may be done if it is  
allowed to go into operation.  
The Registrar General's department was  
once before entrusted with similar in-  
quisitorial powers and abused them.

We wish our Readers a Very Happy and  
Prosperous New Year.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

## THE WAR.

London, December 28th.

Although no actual fighting has taken  
place, the British have made small but suc-  
cessful reconnaissances at Kimberley, Modder  
River, Chieveley and Sterkstroom. The  
enemy in the meantime has been improving  
entrenchments and mounting guns at Co-  
lenso.

Considerable bodies of Boers are con-  
stantly on the Southern side of the Tugela  
River.

Mr. Hartes, Director of Hanoverian Mis-  
sions in Natal and Mr. Stucke a German  
farmer have been arrested on a charge of  
harbouring the enemy. Both claim the  
protection of the German flag. The  
prisoners have been remanded and sent to  
the gaol at Estcourt.

Re-inforcements.

The Seventh division will commence em-  
barking on the 4th January. The Govern-  
ment have accepted the services of a battery  
of The Royal Honourable Artillery.

Lady Smith.

The *Times* Correspondent at Ladysmith  
19th instant says that the garrison has food  
trouble for two months only and that they have  
trouble regarding forage. The enemy's  
shelling is improving in accuracy and causing  
heavier casualties.

Boer Commissariat.

The *Times* Correspondent at Delagoa Bay  
states that the Boer Commissariat is well  
supplied but there is great destitution among  
the Burghers' families and the price of neces-  
saries has advanced 100%.

The Boers are experiencing difficulties in  
purchasing supplies from the continent with-  
out shipping bullion which is liable to seizure  
by war ships.

Hongkong Volunteer Gazette  
Service.

Natal.

The Boers are mounting guns on Kiang-  
wane Hill from which they may annoy the  
British Camp at Chieveley. It is reported  
that they have constructed a wooden bridge  
at Pieters to facilitate the passage to and fro.  
In the meantime they are strengthening their  
positions North of the Tugela River enor-  
mously and constructing a bombproof tunnel  
from their position to Ladysmith road.

Modder River.

The Boers at Modder River are entrench-  
ing night and day and constructing works so  
as to enable a comparatively small force to  
hold the position, sheltered access to all  
parts being provided.

New Artillery.

The *Times* states that Armstrongs are  
making, in hot haste, a battery of twelve new-  
pattern fifteen pounders.

Army Order.

An Army order makes provision for excep-  
tional enlistments in the Army, especially in  
regard to the re-enlistment of discharged  
Soldiers.

Gazette Proclamation.

The *London Gazette* has issued a pro-  
clamation warning British subjects against in  
any way aiding and abetting the enemy.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says—  
On the 30th at 11.50 a.m. the barometer has  
risen considerably on the E. coast of China,  
fallen slightly on the S. coast. The depression  
has probably reached E. Japan. Pressure is  
high over N. China, with moderate gradients  
and strong monsoon on the coast and in the N.  
part of the China Sea. FORECAST:—Fresh  
N.E. winds; fair.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MONDAY, being New Year's Day and a Bank  
Holiday, there will be no issue of the *Hongkong  
Telegraph*.

At Derby November meeting the Derby Cup,  
2,000 sovereigns in addition to the plate was  
won by Lord Ellesmere's Proclamation (100 to  
14). Inevitable (10 to 1) was second, and  
Lexicon (100 to 7) third.

The Band of the Hongkong Regiment will  
play at the Hongkong Hotel, this evening, from  
8 to 10 p.m.

PROGRAMME.  
March: "The Band of the Hongkong Regiment."  
Clairon: "The Band of the Hongkong Regiment."  
Valse: "The Band of the Hongkong Regiment."  
Pavane: "The Band of the Hongkong Regiment."  
Polka: "The Band of the Hongkong Regiment."

Mr. Alexander Wardrop, F.R.C.S., has arrived  
here from Labuan and Manila and is staying at  
the Hongkong Hotel. He was in charge of the  
Squad of Dyaks that were sent from Borneo to  
take part in the Diamond Jubilee celebration  
and subsequently started a business in Labuan  
which he recently disposed of to a British mer-  
chant and is now, we believe, homeward bound.

The Post Office will be closed at 11.30 a.m. on  
Monday, 1st January, (New Year's Day). On  
Tuesday, the 2nd, the Post Office will be closed  
except from 8 to 9 a.m. Correspondence for  
local delivery may be posted up to 11.30 a.m.  
on Monday and up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday. One  
delivery only will be sent out on each day. The  
Night Box will be left open. The Money Order  
Office will be entirely closed on both days.

The supreme court of appeal, held in London  
on the 9th November, has decided that the  
*Times* has no copyright in its reports of speeches.  
This decision (says the *Argonaut*) reverses the  
judgment of the Chancery division of the high  
court of justice, rendered last August in the  
case of the *Times* v. John Lane, who published  
the speeches of Lord Rosebery that had first  
been published in the *Times*.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial  
and Netherlands Hospitals begs to acknowledge  
with thanks the following donations to the  
funds of the Hospitals:—  
Lu Yin Sze ..... \$50  
Ng Yuen Hong ..... 10  
Yee Shun Hong ..... 10  
Wong Yu Kai ..... 5  
Lai Hong Yuen ..... 5  
Sui Sang Loong ..... 5  
Kwong Sang Co. .... 5  
Kwong Cheong Loong ..... 5  
Sums under \$5 ..... 20

Friction between naval and military com-  
manders has been conspicuous since the out-  
break of the war with Spain (says the *Spring-  
field Republican*). The lack of harmony be-  
tween Sampson and Shafter at Santiago is well  
known. The trouble Dewey had with Otis at  
Manila is now becoming a matter of common  
talk, well based, unhappily, in the facts. Otis's  
scheme to run a lot of gunboats in Philippine  
waters, under the command of army officers,  
was preposterous, and it richly deserved the  
sharp and peremptory veto it received from  
Admiral Dewey. The time must come, further-  
more, when the military transports will be of-  
ficed and commanded by the navy, yet thus  
far the War Department's jealousy prevents the  
attainment of the service. Were the nation to  
fight a foe anywhere near its equal in strength,  
the disadvantages accruing from such a con-  
dition would be more perceptibly felt.

MISSUS AND KIDS FUND.  
CONCERT AT KOWLOON.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by all  
who went to the Bungalow last night to hear  
the concert in aid of the Patriotic Fund. The  
hon. C. P. Chater, M.C., had kindly lent  
the house for the occasion and the band of the  
Hongkong Regiment, with the kind permission  
of Col. Retallick and officers, was in attendance  
to play selections during the evening. Every  
seat in the house was occupied and many had  
to stand during the whole performance. The  
responsible position of Chairman was ably  
occupied by Col. Retallick.

The first item on the programme was a se-  
lection by the band, "Barrack Room Ballads."  
The band was on its mettle for the night and  
played this piece with accuracy and concert.  
Perhaps it was a bit too long, but still, everyone  
seemed to enjoy it. The next item was a song  
by Lieut. Barrett, H.K.R. Then followed a  
pretty recitation, "Stagstruck," by Mrs.  
Kershaw, who looked charming and carried out  
the idea of the piece to perfection. She was  
loudly applauded on leaving the stage. Here  
there was a slight dislocation of the programme,  
and Mrs. Longworth sang her song, "Waiting"  
for an encore she sang, "Just before the  
Battle Mother," with two male voices in the  
wings to join in the chorus. It had a very  
pretty effect and was received with great  
applause. Mr. d'Almeida Castro-Remedios next  
delighted the audience with his banjo, receiving  
an encore. He was well accompanied by his  
sister who has an exquisite touch for banjo  
accompanying. This received a well deserved  
encore. Mr. Castro-Remedios appeared again,  
later in the evening, receiving another encore.  
Both pieces were delightfully rendered and were  
well worth going to hear. The star artist of the  
evening was, without doubt, Mrs. Jewel. Her  
first song, "Brother, it is Morn," was delightful,  
and was vociferously encored, which, after some  
hesitation, Mrs. Jewel was pleased to grant.  
Mr. Musket's song deserved a better fate than  
it had last night. During the interval the band  
played a selection for those who did not wish  
to breathe the fresh air.

The first piece after the interval was a  
recitation by Mr. Musket, "Ordered to the  
Front." This piece has only just been received  
by last mail from England, having been  
recited by Mrs. Brown-Potter in London  
the night before the mail left. Mr. Musket  
deserves great praise for the way he has picked  
it up and thoroughly deserved his encore.  
For an encore he gave, in a masterly  
manner, the "Absent minded Beggar" Mrs.  
Jewel next delighted the audience with  
"Dreaming," and for an encore, "The Girl  
I left behind me." Both of these pieces were  
beautifully rendered. Another banjo solo  
followed, about which we have already spoken.  
Mrs. Mackenzie sang "Angus Macdonald,"  
which was well received by the audience.  
Almost the last item on the list was a recita-  
tion by Mr. Longworth, a Parody on "The  
Charge of the Light Brigade." This was an  
imitation of various candidates for a  
prize for reciting "The Charge." It was  
really very humorous and provoked a great  
deal of laughter, especially the wooden armet  
of the "Charge." Just before the last item  
Col. Retallick moved a vote of thanks to  
the Committee and performers for the most  
enjoyable evening.

Without doubt, the concert was far and away  
the best ever given in Kowloon.

Below is the programme as given out:—  
PROGRAMME.  
1.—Song: "The Band of the Hongkong Regiment."  
2.—Song: "The Band of the Hongkong Regiment."  
3.—Recitation: "The Band of the Hongkong Regiment."  
4.—Song: "The Band of the Hongkong Regiment."  
5.—Song: "The Band of the Hongkong Regiment."  
6.—Song: "The Band of the Hongkong Regiment."  
7.—Song: "The Band of the Hongkong Regiment."  
8.—Song: "The Band of the Hongkong Regiment."  
9.—Song: "The Band of the Hongkong Regiment."  
10.—Song: "The Band of the Hongkong Regiment."

## SMOKING CONCERT AT CANTON.

## [COMMUNICATED.]

A most enjoyable Smoking Concert was held  
on boxing night at the Club Theatre Canton.  
Capt. Dawson of the steamer *Tientsin* took  
the chair, and Capt. Hopkins was vice chairman.  
An assembly of fascinating smokers, and their  
friends sat down at 9 o'clock, and a jovial  
evening was spent.

The chairman proved his abilities as a  
spokesman, and that he was the right man in  
the right place.

The following gentlemen contributed with  
jovial song and jokes, &c., Messrs. Barr, Waters,  
W. King, C. A. King, Woolf, Sinclair, Mc-  
Kendrick, McLennan, C. T. Robinson, and  
others too numerous to mention. Mr. J.  
Thomas, presided at the piano the whole even-  
ing, and his untiring efforts deserved the vote  
of thanks passed by the Chairman, which was  
answered with musical honours by the whole  
assembly.

Mr. C. T. Robinson proved himself, as he  
has done in the past, a versatile comedian.  
He sang five songs, and recited "Rudyard  
Kipling's" poem, "The Absent Minded  
Beggar," in a clever manner, the poem was  
called for again, and which, the last passed  
round and "pay-day" was answered to the  
tune of "Sis," which is now added to the  
Patriotic Fund. Mr. R. Soames deserves praise  
for assisting in organizing the concert, and  
decorating the pretty little theatre. Great credit  
is due to the splendid hospitality of those who  
so liberally entertained their friends, and  
shipmates, in this dull port on such an occasion,  
where Xmas holidays and enjoyments are rare.

FOOTBALL COMMENTS.

No football having taken place this week  
there is little to comment upon, except to-day's  
match in aid of the Patriotic Fund. Low is  
unfortunately, unable to play, having only just  
recovered from an attack of fever. This will  
considerably weaken the Civilians' attack.  
Noble takes his place. At the last moment,  
also, we hear that Duncan cannot play, having  
hurt his leg, and it is also reported that Wilson  
has announced his intention of not playing. All  
this is very disheartening to those who are  
getting up the team as it means a great deal of  
work at the last moment and, possibly, defeat.

The Civilian team, as originally constituted,  
was a very strong one, but as we have said  
before, we thought it would get beaten. Now  
that all these changes have taken place we  
have little doubt that it will, but beaten or not  
the Army and Navy will have to play all they  
know to get home and there is no doubt it will  
be an excellent game.

We hope it will be heartily supported by the  
population, and that a substantial addition to the  
Fund will be the result.

FOOTBALL RESULT.

THE "MISSUS AND KIDS" MATCH.

A great number of spectators were present at  
the football match, "Civilians v. Army and  
Navy" and were rewarded by viewing a very  
finely contested game; the result being "Civi-  
lians 2 Army and Navy 1."

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK.

The Agent of the Yokohama Specie Bank  
informs us that at an extraordinary general  
meeting of the Bank, held at Yokohama, it was  
decided that the Agency of the bank here  
should in future be considered a branch.

BRITAIN AND SIAM.

SETTLEMENT OF A DISPUTE.

A long-standing boundary dispute in the  
Malayan Peninsula between Siam and Britain  
has just been settled. The trouble arose about  
the frontier between Perak and Raman or  
Rahman, an alleged Siamese tributary State  
north of Perak. The map shows that Raman  
is a narrow strip of mountainous country run-  
ning from west to east. Perak lies to the south,  
Kedah bounds it on the west. Several Siamese  
petty States lie to the north and east of Raman.  
The Patani River, which flows to the east coast,  
rises in Raman. That country was unexplored  
until Mr. Skeat traversed it in his trip to ascend  
Gunong Tahan the other day. The dispute  
was taken over by the British Government on  
Perak becoming a Protected State, and has  
been pending for years. The settlement, which  
is said to be satisfactory to Britain, was reached  
through Mr. Greville, the British Minister at  
Bangkok.—*Straits Times*.

THE KHALIFA ABDULLAH.

The killing of the Khalifa and his principal  
chiefs in a battle near Gedil will probably put  
an effectual end to the state of rebellion among  
the Derwishes of the Sudan that has prevailed  
for the past seventeen years, for Abdullah was  
the spirit of it all. His despotism in the  
Sudan received its death blow from General  
Lord Kitchener last year, but his escape after  
the battle of Omdurman made another British  
campaign against him necessary.

Abdullah was the most powerful and success-  
ful of the three Khalifas of the three leading  
Arab tribes that in 1882 helped the Mahdi to  
overthrow the government of Egypt in the  
Eastern Sudan and establish the Mahdist  
despotism in its place. Each of these Khalifas  
commanded a distinct section of the Mahdi's  
army, and Abdullah's force was the one to do  
the fighting, the son of General Hicks' army.  
Abdullah was the favorite of his master. The  
Mahdi believed that, if he died, Abdullah was  
the only man who could maintain the strange  
empire he had raised and keep the upper hand of  
the treacherous Sudanese tribes. Before his death  
the Mahdi nominated the Khalifa Abdullah as  
his successor, and thus the cruel and tyrannical  
Arab tribe of the Bagara, whose leader was  
Abdullah, became the masters of the Egyptian  
Sudan and ruled it with a rod of iron.

The Mahdi died on June 22, 1885, after three  
years of power, and Abdullah, as we have seen,  
was known as the Mahdi's successor. There was  
intense jealousy and disappointment on the  
part of the Danagla and Jassin tribes, who had  
been the rulers, but now became the ruled.  
Civil war on account of Abdullah's accession was  
narrowly averted, but he was too strong for his  
enemies in the other tribes, and they finally chose  
the part of discretion just when all had been made  
ready for battle. The new ruler then made it  
his business to render the other tribes harmless.  
He reduced the power of the two other  
Khalifas, and they became men of little im-  
portance. He sent many of the Jassin and  
Danagla Emir.

AN CHINA.

hundreds of miles up the Nile, and he permitted  
his Baggara to plunder the other tribes without  
mercy under the pretext of levying taxes. He  
maintained his policy of cruelty, oppressing all  
the people except his own tribe until 1880,  
when he was frightened (very badly) by the news  
that England and Egypt were getting ready to  
invade the country and overthrow his power.  
After that he reversed his policy, and he has  
since been a model ruler, and has been called  
the "Good Khalifa."

William MacLeod, D.D.S.

Dentist.







## Intimations.

**PETER SY'S WONDERFUL SPECIFIC.**  
The only remedy at present known as an INFALLIBLE and PERMANENT CURE for  
SPRUE, DYSENTERY, DIARRHŒA, HEMORRHOGE and ULCERATION  
of the BOWELS.  
Recommended by some of the Chief Specialists of the Medical Profession.  
Sold retail by all Chemists and Wholesale  
by  
THE PETER SY'S COMPANY,  
(Proprietors and Sole Manufacturers),  
9, Old China Street,  
Shanghai.

12th October, 1898.

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&c., &c., &c.

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**"CLAYMORE"**  
FINE OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

SOLE AGENTS:

THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.

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UNTOUCHED BY HAND.

**MELLIN'S  
FOOD**

For INFANTS and INVALIDS.

When prepared is similar to Breast Milk.

MELLIN'S FOOD WORKS, PECKHAM, LONDON, ENGLAND.

## Entertainments.

**THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.**

TUESDAY, the 2nd January, 1900.

GRAND CONCERT.

UNDER the Distinguished Patronage of  
His Excellency  
SIR HENRY A. BLAKE, G.C.M.G.  
**TOURNEE G. STAR**  
(OPERATIC AND COMEDY VOCALIST  
COMPANY).  
Part of the Profits will be handed to the  
TRANSVAAL FUND.

PRICES AS USUAL.

Reserved Seats may be booked at the  
ROBINSON PIANO CO.  
Hongkong, 29th December, 1899. [1621a]

**THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.**

**GRAND ENTERTAINMENT**  
will be given on  
SATURDAY, the 6th January, 1900,  
in the  
THEATRE ROYAL,  
at 9 P.M.

In Aid of the  
**SOUTH AFRICAN FUND.**  
Under the Patronage of  
H.E. Sir HENRY & Lady BLAKE,  
H.E. Major-General & Mrs. GASCOIGNE,  
Commodore & Mrs. POWELL,  
and all the  
Leading Citizens.

The Booking Office at City Hall will be  
OPEN on WEDNESDAY, the 27th December,  
at 10 A.M. Admission 5s all over the House.  
The ENTERTAINMENT will be repeated on  
WEDNESDAY, the 10th January, 1900, at 3 P.M.  
Admission 5s, to Dress Circle, 5s, to Pit,  
Soldiers, Sailors, Police and Volunteers in  
Uniform Half-price.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1899.

## Auction.

**GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.**  
No. 710.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown  
Land by Public Auction, to be held at the  
Offices of the Public Works Department, on  
WEDNESDAY,  
the 3rd day of January, 1900, at 3 P.M.,  
are published for general information.  
By Command.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary.  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 16th December, 1899. [1609a]

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction  
Sale, to be held on Wednesday, the 3rd day of  
January, 1900, at 2 P.M., at the Offices of  
the Public Works Department, by Order of  
His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of  
CROWN LAND at Jardine's Bazaar, East Point,  
in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75  
Years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN  
RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her  
Majesty the QUEEN, for one further term of  
75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

LOCALITY.	Boundary Measurements.	Area.	Remarks.
Jardine's Bazaar, East Point.	60 ft. by 120 ft.	7,200 sq. ft.	One Lot.

## Insurances.

**NEW  
YEAR'S  
RESOLUTIONS.**

I WILL not delay and put off my duty any longer.

I WILL make provision for the future of my wife and children in case of my death.

I WILL not let them carry any longer the risk on my life when a great Society will take the risk away.

I WILL commence at once to make some provision for my own old age by laying by a sum of money every year to accumulate.

I WILL take an Endowment policy of life assurance, for that will at once create an estate for my family, or will help provide for my own mature years.

I WILL take my policy in the Equitable, because it is the safest, having, by millions sterling, the largest surplus of any assurance company in the world.

TO EFFECT assurance apply to the "Equitable's" Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1899. [1611a]  
E. KIENL,  
Acting Manager.

**NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.**

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above  
Company are prepared to accept First  
Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at  
CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN &amp; Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [18]

## For Sale.

FOR SALE.

**STOCKBROKERS' TELEGRAM CODE.**  
Cloth: 492 pp.—550: Postage Extra.  
Approval. "CODE,"  
c/o Office of This Paper.  
Hongkong, 25th November, 1899. [1488a]

## Mails.

**PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON,  
1900.

NOTICE.

THE Undermentioned Vessels will sail from  
CHINA DIRECT  
FOR  
MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH  
AND  
LONDON.

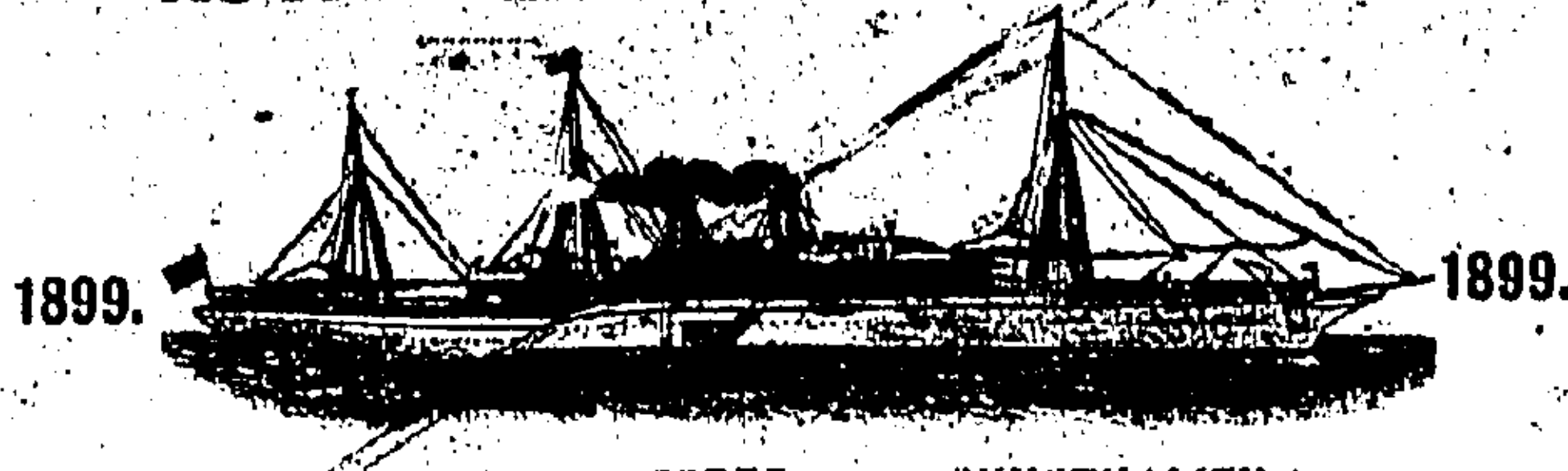
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STEAMERS.	Tons.	S'hai.	H'kong.	S'pore.
Parramatta	4886	Mar. 27	Mar. 31	April 5
Masilia	5026	April 10	April 14	April 20

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
H. A. RITCHIE,  
Superintendent, Hongkong.

## Mails.

**CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S  
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.**



SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.  
THE EAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA  
AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, YOKOHAMA &amp; VICTORIA, B.C.)

Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 17th Jan., 1900.  
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 14th Feb., 1900.  
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 14th Mar., 1900

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND  
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(B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and  
make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS  
of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM  
THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made  
at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which  
passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.  
Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD.  
Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval,  
Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and  
Japan. Government features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS,  
second to none in the World, the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL  
TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's  
Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY  
through which the Railway passes.  
THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated  
by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide, Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to  
D. E. BROWN, General Agent,  
Fidlers' Street.  
Hongkong, 20th December, 1899.



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR  
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,  
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN  
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.  
(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,  
PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and  
AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"PARRAMATTA,"  
Captain A. Symons, R.N.R., carrying Her  
Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from  
this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 6th  
January, 1900, at Noon, taking Passengers and  
Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France,  
and Tea for London (under arrangement) will  
be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer  
proceeding direct to Marseilles and London;  
other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed  
via Bombay with Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4  
P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and  
Value of all Packages are required.  
Shippers are particularly requested to note  
the terms and conditions of the Company's  
Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars apply to  
H. A. RITCHIE,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. [16]

**OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO  
JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,  
MEXICO,  
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA  
AND EUROPE.

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,  
AND  
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING  
STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND  
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
Copita (via Shanghai) Saturday, 29th Jan.,  
Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama,  
and Honolulu) 1900, at Noon.  
Gaelic (via Shanghai) Tuesday, 13th Feb.,  
Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama,  
and Honolulu) 1900, at Noon.  
Doric (via Shanghai) Saturday, 10th Mar.,  
Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama,  
and Honolulu) 1900, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship  
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via  
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND  
SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU,  
on SATURDAY, the 20th January, 1900, at  
Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the IN-  
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu,  
and passengers are allowed to break their  
journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-  
land, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic  
lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of  
the United States or Canada. Rates, and  
particulars of the various Routes may be ob-  
tained upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted  
to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,  
Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European  
Officials in the service of China and Japan, and  
to Government officials and their families.  
Passengers who have paid full fare, re-em-  
barking at San Francisco for China or Japan  
(or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed  
a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does  
not apply to through fares for China and Japan  
to Europe.

All PARCEL Packages should be marked to  
address in full; and some will be received at  
the Company's Office until 5 P.M. the day  
previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-  
tined to points beyond San Francisco, in the  
United States, should be presented to the Company's  
Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs,  
San Francisco.

For further information  
Passage, apply to  
H. A. RITCHIE,  
Superintendent, Hongkong.

**NORTHERN PACIFIC  
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.**

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE,  
AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM  
HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA,  
IN CONNECTION WITH  
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO

Saint Irene... 3,877 | W. Altrec... Jan. 6.  
City of Dublin... 3,328 | J. R. Rae... Jan. 12.  
Drecomshire... 3,567 | G. E. Elliott Jan. 20.

ALSO  
FOR PORTLAND, OREGON,  
IN CONNECTION WITH  
OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVI-  
GATION COMPANY.

Abergeldie... 3,777 | J. Murray... Jan. 27.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to  
the very cheap rates offered by the Line,  
HONGKONG TO LONDON £47.

Excellent accommodation. First-class Ta-  
bles. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on  
the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery  
of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS.  
The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route.  
Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of  
the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA £28.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.  
Special rates allowed to members of Govern-  
ment Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific  
Coast Points, and to Canadian and United  
States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States  
Points should be in quadruplicate; and one  
copy must be sent forward by the steamer to  
the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Port-  
land, Or. (whichever may be the destination of  
the Steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with  
address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day  
previous to sailing.

For further information apply to  
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. [14]

**CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

IN CONNECTION WITH  
THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA  
FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM  
HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO  
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND  
HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS,  
HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO, The  
UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL and  
SOUTH AMERICA, &c.

Strathgyle... 5,023 | about Jan. 7.  
Carlisle City... 3,002 | about Jan. 15.  
Belgian King... 3,379 | about Jan. 20.  
Carmarthenshire... 2,920 | about Jan. 31.

THE Steamship  
"STRATHGYLE,"  
will be despatched for SAN DIEGO VIA  
KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU,  
on SUNDAY, the 7th January, 1900.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point  
in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M.  
the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages  
will be received at the Office until the same  
time. All parcels should be marked to address  
in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-  
tined to points beyond San Francisco, in the  
United States, should be presented to the Company's  
Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs,  
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight and  
Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company,  
Queens' Building,  
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. [17a]

## Mails.

**NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.**

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMER.	DESTINATION.	SAILING DATE.
INABA MARU.....	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANT- WERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.....	SUNDAY, 14th January, at .....

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's  
Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1899.

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**NORDEUTSCHER  
LLOYD.**



**HAMBURG-AMERIKA  
LINIE.**

(Freight Service.) (Freight Service.)  
(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO,  
LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, THE  
SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
AMBRIA.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	12th
Burnmeister.....	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	January.
*SARNIA.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 22nd
Fuchs.....	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	January.
*SILESIA.....	MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG.	About 31st
Behrens.....	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	January.
WITTENBERG.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 5th
Madsen.....	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	February.
HOLSATIA.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 10th
Bahle.....	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	February.

\* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and  
a Stewardess.

For further Particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to  
CARLOWITZ & Co.,  
Agents.

**TOYO KISEN KAISHA.**  
TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA  
OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

NIPPON MARU (via  
Shanghai, Nagasaki,  
Kobe, Inland Sea,  
Yokohama & Hono-  
lulu) Wednesday, 3rd Jan.,  
1900, at Noon.  
AMERICA MARU (via  
Shanghai, Nagasaki,  
Kobe, Inland Sea,  
Yokohama & Hono-  
lulu) Saturday, 27th Jan.,  
1900, at Noon.  
HONGKONG MARU  
(via Shanghai, Naga-  
saki, Kobe, Inland  
Sea, Yokohama and  
Honolulu) Thursday, 22nd Feb.,  
1900, at Noon.

THE Steamship

"NIPPON MARU,"  
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via  
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND  
SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on  
WEDNESDAY, the 3rd January, 1900, at Noon,  
taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the  
United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the IN-  
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONO-  
LULU, and Passengers are allowed to break  
their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England,  
France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic  
lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of  
the United States or Canada. Rates may be ob-  
tained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO  
EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail  
routes from San Francisco, including the  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC,  
UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE,  
and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the  
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of  
£4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND  
CITIES in the United States have between  
San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC,  
UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE,  
and other direct connecting Railways and from  
Chicago to destination the choice of direct  
lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had  
on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to  
Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,  
Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European  
Officials in the service of China and Japan, and  
to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-  
portation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports,  
to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities  
of the United States, via Overland Railways, to  
Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports  
in Mexico, Central and South America, by the  
Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4  
P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel  
Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M.  
same day; all Parcel Packages should be  
marked to address in full; value of same is  
required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-  
tined to points beyond San Francisco, in the  
United States, should be presented to the Company's  
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the  
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight and  
Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company,  
Queens' Building,  
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. [17a]

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent,  
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. [17a]

**U.S. MAIL LINE.**  
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND  
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

\*Algoa (via Moji, Kobe,  
Yokohama & Hono-  
lulu) Saturday, 10th Feb.,  
1900, at Noon.  
China (via Shanghai,  
Nagasaki, Kobe, In-  
land Sea, Yokohama  
and Honolulu) Saturday, 3rd March,  
1900, at Noon.  
City of Rio de Janeiro  
(via Shanghai, Naga-  
saki, Kobe, Inland  
Sea, Yokohama and  
Honolulu) Tuesday, 27th March,  
1900, at Noon.

(\* Taking Cargo only.)

THE U.S. Mail Chartered Steamship

"ALGOA,"  
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO  
via MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & HONO-  
LULU, on SATURDAY, the 10th February,  
1900, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the IN-  
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu,  
and passengers are allowed to break their  
journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England,  
France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines  
of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the  
United States of Canada. Rates may be ob-  
tained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO  
EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail  
Routes from San Francisco, including the  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC,  
UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE,  
and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the  
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of  
£4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVER-  
LAND CITIES in the United States have,  
between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO,  
the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC,  
CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC,  
DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other  
direct connecting Railways,



"as I should like to do it. I should rather ever to leave it."

"So should I," said Lina, "in fact I never should. But of course you could spend more money on it than I can; you want it for pleasure, I, for business."

"Business," echoed Bob, "business, Lina?"

"Yes," said Lina, colouring again at her mistake, "at least, I mean, I should have it for my one and only home, while you want it for a month or two in the summer." She talked quickly to try to divert Bob's attention. Bob, however, refused to be diverted.

"But, how about—Lina, come here. Turn round and look at me; look me straight in the face, and tell me what this all means."

There was no resisting Bob when he talked thus. Lina turned round, and saw that his eyes were fixed, too, and miserably and overstrung.

"It means that I have no other home now"—she said, great tears welling up in her eyes as she obeyed Bob and looked at him.

"No home!" cried Bob, "have you left the old one? Have you lost?"—and then the significance of it all flashed across him. "Why Lina, my poor child, you don't mean that you—" She bowed her head, and covered her face with her hands—"I have lost everything and everyone."

"Well, everyone, Lina?" Bob looked at her pleadingly; but she would not look at him.

"Yes, everyone—no, no," she burst out, "I forgot, not everyone; I still have Ann and Peter."

"And me," said Bob softly. Lina did not speak. Bob thought she had not heard. I understand now why you could not bring yourself to write, you poor child, but one line would have been enough, and I might have helped you so, Lina."

"You could help me," she said, "I did not want to be helped. But after all," with an effort to speak more brightly, "it might have been worse. I have—well, enough to live on, I daresay, but I want to have a home and to keep Ann with me and Peter and that is why I want to earn more, and that is why I have come to this cheap, out-of-the-way part of the world. I must keep them. I have no one else—and I did not know how to manage it otherwise."

Bob was astounded, struck dumb almost by what he saw, and in the midst of it all felt a vague feeling of pleasure. "Come here and sit down," he said presently, "let us get on this hedge and test a bit. You must be nearly tired out. Ann and the agent will find the kitchens and the view enough for the time. I can't realise it all; let us sit here, I want to think."

Lina scrambled on to the broad low hedge, and settled down on the thick rank grass. With a sigh of relief. "It is good to meet a friend again," she said, smiling a little, and putting away her pocket-handkerchief. "I think I have shut myself out too much." Bob smiled a smile of satisfaction.

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To the independent, and several references will be read just as Sir Redvers Buller is to be called the "Wolsley in Africa," says Mr. Forbes in his sketch of the Commander-in-Chief, most censorious, to challenge the disliking acumen of Wolsley's selections. It is superfluous for me to emphasise the merits of Redvers Buller's military character, although, perhaps, I happened to know more than an older more experienced and dignified man could have done. His discernment, foresight, and manfulness of nature, and ruthless promptitude have served us.

The gallant soldier to whom England is looking now to bring to a speedy and successful conclusion the war between ourselves and the Boers of the Transvaal is, as all the world knows, no novice in African warfare. In Mr. Forbes's "Batacks, Bivouacs, and Battles" there are some passages referring to Sir Redvers Buller's exploits in that country. When Mr. Forbes reached Durban in 1879 Colonel Redvers Buller, as he was then, had already, won his Victoria Cross, by deeds of conspicuous bravery after the unfortunate affair at the Inhlobo Mountain:

"He assisted, while hotly pursued by Zulus, in rescuing Captain C. D'Arcy, of the Frontier Light Horse, who was retiring on foot. Colonel Buller, carrying him on his horse until he overtook the regiment. On the same day, and in the same circumstances he conveyed to a place of safety Lieutenant C. Everitt, of the Frontier Light Horse whose horse had been killed under him. Later on Colonel Buller in the same manner saved a trooper of the Frontier Light Horse, who was completely exhausted and who otherwise would have been killed by the Zulus, who were within eighty yards of him."

"These are the formal words of the *Gazette* and give no very vivid idea of the man. Mr. Forbes, however, supplies the missing incidental references to the astonishing officer, and his impression of verisimilitude very interesting under present circumstances."

"We reached Port Durban about the middle of April, 1879, to find its roadsteads crowded with the transports that had brought the reinforcements, out from England, and its hotels crammed with officers of all ranks and all branches of the services. General "Fred" Marshall an old friend of Beroersford and myself, commanded the Regular Cavalry Brigade, and Bill hoped for a berth on a Cavalry staff. But a better billet fell to him. Far from the front, in the Transvaal Sir Evelyn Wood's Cavalry Brigade had just gained a brilliant victory over some 20,000 Zulus, who had made a desperate attack on their position. Colonel Redvers Buller commanded Wood's Irregular Volunteer Cavalry, and in the recent fight his staff officer, Major Roland Campbell had been killed."

BULLER IN ZULULAND.

"Mr. Forbes' chum "Bill," Lord William Beroersford, got the appointment, and next day up-country to his billet, "and not long after," says the writer, "I joined Wood's force up at Bambula:

"I found Bill too busy to give me more than a hurried handshake. He was Buller's only staff officer, and the force commanded, about a thousand strong, was the strangest congeries imaginable. It consisted of broken gentlemen, of corrupt saloons, of fugitives from justice of the courts of South African towns; of some of the Afrikaners, of Boers whom the Zulus had driven from their farms. Almost every European nationality was represented; there were a few Americans, some good, some bad; a Greaser; a Chilian; several Australians; and a couple of Canadian voyageurs from somewhere in the Arctic regions. There were Frenchmen who could not speak a word of English, and Channel Islanders whose patois neither Englishmen nor Frenchmen could understand. One and all were volunteers, recruited for the campaign at the pay of five shillings a day. What added to the complication was that the force comprised a dozen or more sub-commands, each originally, and still to some extent, a separate and distinct unit. There were "Baker's Horse" and "D'Arcy's Horse" and "Beddington's Horse," and "Ferreira's Horse," and so on, each body asserting a distinctive independence. Beroersford had to arrange all details. . . . and be in everything Buller's right-hand man. The volunteer officers, some of them, some English, some Afrikaners, were regarded as inferior to the men of duty, for the most part quite useless. In effect, the force, which in numerical strength reckoned as a brigade, was "run" by these two men—Redvers Buller and Bill Beroersford. Buller was, as silent, saturnine, blood-thirsty man, as ever drew breath—a born leader of men—who ruled his heterogeneous command with a rod of iron. Beroersford, to the full a keen a fighter and as firm in compelling obedience, was of a different temperament."

After a page or two explaining the situation, Mr. Forbes continues:

"So on the morning of 3rd July, orders were issued that Buller, at mid-day should make his irregulars across the river and make a reconnaissance as far as much of the saddle beyond as the Zulus might see fit to permit. . . . Buller and Beroersford were always in the saddle early, waiting for the soundings of the muster. Buller's favourite mount was a "saddle-headed," brindle, fast, divided, ewe-necked cob named Punch. He was, perhaps the very ugliest horse of his day and generation in all South Africa, but he was also among the most valuable. Although not very fast, his endurance was wonderful. He made nothing of a hundred miles at a stretch, with an occasional "off-saddle" and a roll as the only relief. But it was neither his endurance nor his ugliness that constituted his special value. He was "salted" to the third degree of saltness—thanks to say he was proof against the maldy known as "horse-sickness". . . . Some of the irregulars and his staff camped on their horses in front of Evelyn Wood's tent waiting for their followers to come on the ground. Wood, standing in his tent, doggedly chatted to the laconic Buller, while Beroersford and "the boy" gossiped a little apart. Presently Baker came along at the head of his assortment of miscreants; Ferreira, leading his particular bandits, was visible in the lining, and Buller, alongside of Baker headed the procession of the irregulars. . . . Then followed an account of the "Boer Bores" in which the qualities that he brought Redvers Buller to the front in the balling world were so distinctly in evidence and caution, his dash and alertness—though with it all, the cleverest military man he called into all the world, and of which two men . . . Great O'Toole

Buller's Iron. Yet, in the sort of dog-like devotion and loyalty has been given to every step of his career, as an enemy, just as he won the series of deeds of almost Routine men grumbled that he had sent him to the Eastern Sudan and a brigade in Sir Gerald Graham's short expedition. Ample-aided Buller, in the choice. It is not too much to aver that by his cool, skillful handling of his brigade in the crisis of the fight of Tama, he averted disaster, that but for his conduct, was inevitable, relieved that all that desperate situation, and buttressed the tottering fortunes of the British arms. Again, later, on the Nile, it was he who, with characteristic abruptness, snatched the dishevelled remnant of the column which he found at Gubat-out of the very jaws of imminent peril, and reconducted it, with a cool composure that was all his own, back into a region of comparative safety. He shares with the Duke of Devonshire the by no means unenviable attribute of "you be damnedness." I have watched Redvers Buller's career with the closest attention and profoundest admiration.

"I regard Redvers Buller," says Mr. Forbes in conclusion, "as the strongest soldier of the British Army to-day, and if he remains in the service, and there be no work again in our time, I predict for Buller a great fighting career." An interesting prediction, which is now, we do not doubt, to be fulfilled to the letter.—*Bangkok Times*.

### THE TEMPLE OF EARNAR.

ANCIENT JERRY-BUILDING.

A little while ago a Kente's telegram from Cairo announced that some nine columns in the great hall of the Temple of Ammon at Karnak had fallen. These formed part of the huge colonnade which supports the roof. Previous to the fall of these columns, not fewer than one hundred and thirty-four supported the great square stones forming the roof. The hundred and twenty-two of the columns measured 42 ft. in height and remaining twelve central columns measuring 60 ft. by 12 ft. in diameter. The telegram, unfortunately, does not state to which class the fallen pillars belong. Both classes were so huge in dimensions that they could not be constructed like any previous Egyptian pillar. In fact, these columns are not true pillars at all, but are merely columns of masonry put together just as we now build a chimney shaft or a light-house. An ordinary stone column such as Nelson's Monument in Trafalgar-square, is formed of solid stone sections with a metal core, but it was, of course, impossible to obtain sections measuring twelve feet across, so these hollow shells of masonry were erected, and their centres were filled with mortar. Columns which have previously fallen reveal the fact that some disgraceful Jerry-building went on even in the day of Set I, for it is found that the centres have in several cases been filled with any rubble matter which happened to be handy. This may possibly have been the case with some of the recently-fallen columns. It is interesting to note that they belong to the last form of Egyptian pillar when the desire for flat surfaces on which to record one's great deeds overcame every other architectural instinct. Hitherto the columns had shown the ribblings which symbolised the bundle of lotus stems, in imitation of which the pillar had originated, but at the time of the building of the Temple of Ammon wall spaces were insufficient for record writing as the columns had to be shaved smooth in order to give yet more space for hieroglyphics. It was the last expression of the vanity of the Egyptian race.

### PHOTOGRAPHING THE STOMACH.

A device recently invented by Dr. Fritz Lang, of Munich, Germany, is thus described in the *Medical Times*—The camera is constructed on exactly the same principles as all cameras for taking moving photographs, although, of course, here is no attempt made to combine them so as to project the actual operations of the stomach. It is doubtful, however, if the camera has ever before been fashioned which is as compact as this one, or which has been used to as strange a use. This camera is actually swallowed by the patient, and no sooner does it reach his stomach than the walls thereof are illuminated by a small electric lamp attached to the apparatus. At the bottom of the camera is wound a photographic film, twenty inches long and a quarter of an inch wide, and one end of this film is fastened to the cord, which freely in the tube. Of course the cord and the conducting wires must be swallowed with the camera itself, for in order to draw the film past the lens, the cord must be pulled. As soon as the camera reaches the bottom of the stomach, the work of photographing may begin. All the surgeon has to do is to pull the cord and thus run the film past the lens. The electric light is then turned on, and after the sensitive film has been impressed with the image the current is turned off and another camera has ever before been fashioned until the requisite number of exposures has been taken. When this is done the entire apparatus is withdrawn from the stomach, and the films are carefully developed and enlarged.

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